

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 603. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents.

H.R. 661. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations.

H.R. 707. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 40. Concurrent resolution honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 103 of Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3 of Public Law 94-304, as amended by section 1 of Public Law 99-7, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Chairman.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. PORTER of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1505 of Public Law 99-498 (20 U.S.C. 4412), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 603. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 707. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2012. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Category Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards, and New Source Performance Standards; Final Rule" (FRL6304-8) received on February 25, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2013. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act regarding the position of Special Trustee for American Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2014. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on a proposed Plan Amendment to allow the Department of Energy to acquire oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve received on February 11, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2015. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act regarding the position of Director, Bureau of Land Management; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2016. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act regarding the position of Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2017. A communication from the Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a report entitled "Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2018. A communication from the Office of the Marshal, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Marshal's Annual report on the cost of the protective function provided by the Supreme Court Police to Justices, official guests and employees of the Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2019. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premerger Notification: Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements" received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2020. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Base Operating Support Functions at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2021. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a determination allowing the Department of Defense to procure articles containing para-aramid fibers and yarns manufactured in a foreign country; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2022. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the event-based decision making for the F-22 aircraft program for fiscal years 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2023. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Presidential Determination to allow for the use of funds from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to meet urgent and unexpected needs of persons at risk due to the Kosovo crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2024. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the President's determination regarding certification of the 28 major illicit narcotics producing and transit countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2025. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's annual report entitled "International Narcotics Control Strategy Report" for 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2026. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Management Report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2027. A communication from the Director of the Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Integrity Act reports for each of the Executive Office of the President agencies, as required by the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2028. A communication from the President of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2029. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to and deletions from the Committee's Procurement List dated February 24, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2030. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a report entitled "Poor Performers in Government: A Quest for the True Story"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2031. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 1999 Aviation System Capital Investment Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2032. A communication from the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Sturgeon Fishery; Moratorium in Exclusive Economic Zone" (I.D. 111898B) received on February 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2033. A communication from the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Services' report on the Apportionment of Regional Fishery Management Council Membership in 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2034. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Private Land Mobile Radio Services" (Docket 97-153) received on February 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2035. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, revised performance goals and corporate management strategies for the Department's fiscal year 1999 Performance Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2036. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawling in Steller Sea Lion Critical Habitat in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 021299A) received on February 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2037. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations for the Publication, Posting and filing of Tariffs for the Transportation of Property by or with a Water Carrier in the Noncontiguous Domestic Trade" received on February 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2038. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—1999 Update" received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2039. A communication from the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan Regulations; Technical Amendment" (RIN0648-A184) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Revisions and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations; Commerce Control List" (RIN0694-AB77) received on February 25, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2041. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Construction Loans on Presold Residential Properties; Junior Liens on 1- to 4-Family Residential Properties; and Investments in Mutual Funds. Leverage Capital Standards: Tier 1 Leverage Ratio" (Docket R-0947) received on February 25, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2042. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Construction Loans on Presold Residential Properties; Junior Liens on 1- to 4-Family Residential Properties; and Investment in Mutual Funds" (Docket R-0948) received on February 25, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2043. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Monetary Policy Report dated February 23, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2044. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Publication or Submission of Quotations Without Specified Information" received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Securities on Form S-8" (RIN3235-AG94) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2046. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Rule 504 of Regulation D, the 'Seed Capital' Exemption" (RIN3235-AH35) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2047. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule 701—Exempt Offerings Pursuant to Compensatory Arrangements" (RIN3235-AH21) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2048. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Frequently Asked Questions About the Statement of the Commission Regarding Disclosure of the Year 2000 Issues and Consequences to Public Companies"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2049. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of the Securities of the Kingdom of Belgium under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 for Purposes of Trading Futures Contracts on Those Securities" (RIN3235-AH46) received on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2050. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to extend the Corporation's operating authority to September 30, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-19. A resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, relative to Veterans' health care; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

POM-20. A resolution adopted by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association relative to animal health; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-21. A resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen, New Ashford, Massachusetts, relative to human rights in East Timor; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 544. An original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-8).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 249. A bill to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 529. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, to make structural changes to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Risk Management Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 530. A bill to amend the Act commonly known as the "Export Apple and Pear Act" to limit the applicability of that Act to apples; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 531. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress